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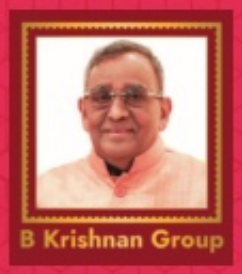

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Aim for the stars

Like many first liftoffs, Starship's test was a successful failure

The SpaceX Starship lifts off from the launchpad during a flight test from Starbase in Boca Chica, on April 20. The rocket successfully blasted off, but the Starship capsule had been scheduled to separate from the first-stage rocket booster three minutes into the flight which did not happen and the rocket blew up.

On April 20, 2023, a new SpaceX rocket called Starship exploded over the Gulf of Mexico three minutes into its first flight ever.

SpaceX is calling the test launch a success, despite the fiery end result. As a space policy expert, I agree that the "rapid unscheduled disassembly" – the term SpaceX uses when its rockets explode – was a very successful failure.

The most powerful rocket ever built

This launch was the first fully integrated test of SpaceX's new Starship. Starship is the most powerful rocket ever developed and is designed to be fully reusable. It is made of two different stages, or sections.

The first stage, called Super Heavy, is a collection of 33 individual engines and provides more than twice the thrust of a Saturn V, the rocket that sent astronauts to the Moon in the 1960s and 1970s.

The first stage is designed to get the rocket to about 40 miles (65 kilometres) above Earth.

Once Super Heavy's job is done, it is supposed to separate from the rest of the craft and land safely back on the surface to be used again.

At that point the second stage, called the Starship spacecraft, is supposed to ignite its own engines to carry the payload – whether people, satellites or anything else – into orbit.

An explosive first flight

While parts of Starship have been tested previously, the launch on April 20, 2023, was the first fully integrated test with the Starship spacecraft stacked on top of the Super Heavy rocket.

If it had been successful, once the first stage was spent, it would have separated from the upper stage and crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. Starship would then have continued on, eventually crashing 155 miles (250 kilometres) off of Hawaii.

During the SpaceX livestream, the team stated that the primary goal of this mission was to get the rocket off the launch pad.

It accomplished that goal and more. Starship flew for more than three minutes, passing through what engineers call "max Q" – the moment at which a rocket experiences the most physical stress from acceleration and air resistance.

According to SpaceX, a few things went wrong with the launch. First, multiple engines went out sometime before the point at which the Starship spacecraft and the Super Heavy rocket were supposed to separate from each other.

The two stages were also unable to separate at the predetermined moment, and with the two stages stuck together, the rocket began to tumble end over end. It is still unclear what specifically caused this failure.

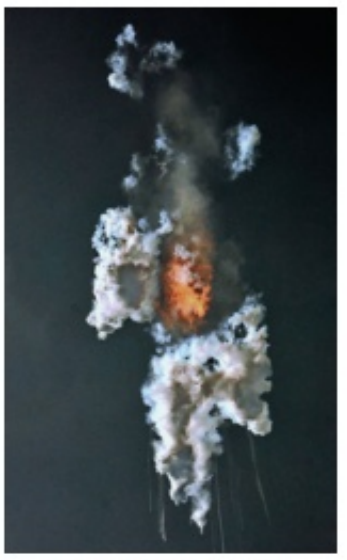
Starship is almost 400 feet (120 metres) tall and weighs 11 million pounds (4.9 million kilograms).

An out-of-control rocket full of highly flammable fuel is a very dangerous object, so to prevent any harm, SpaceX engineers triggered the self-destruct mechanism and blew up the entire rocket over the Gulf of Mexico.

All modern rockets have mechanisms built into them that allow engineers to safely destroy the rocket in flight if need be. SpaceX itself has blown up many of its own rockets during testing.

Success or failure?

Getting to space is hard, and it is not at all unusual for new rockets to experience problems. In the past two years, both South Korea and Japan have attempted to launch new rockets that also failed to reach orbit.



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Commercial companies such as Virgin Orbit and Relativity Space have also lost rockets recently.

None of these were crewed missions, and in most of these failed launches, flight engineers purposefully destroyed the rockets after problems arose.

SpaceX's approach to testing is different from that of other groups. Its company philosophy is to fail fast, find problems and fix them with the next rocket.

This is different from the more traditional approach taken by organisations such as NASA that spend far more time identifying and planning for possible problems before attempting a launch.

The traditional approach tends to be slow.

The development of NASA's Space Launch System – the rocket that will take astronauts to the Moon as part of the Artemis program – took more than 10 years before its first launch this past November.

SpaceX's method has allowed the company to move much faster but can be costlier because of the time and resources it takes to build new rockets.

SpaceX engineers will look to identify the specific cause of the problem so that they can fix it for the next test launch.

With this approach, launches like this first Starship test are successful failures that will help SpaceX reach its eventual goal of sending astronauts to Mars.

(By Wendy Whitman Cobb, Air University Montgomery (US), for The Conversation)

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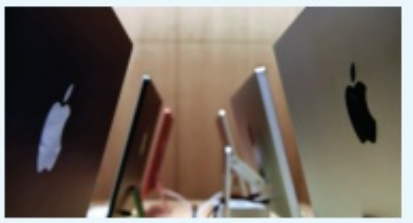

Apple's upcoming 15-inch MacBook Air devices will reportedly offer two variants of the M2 chip.

According to Apple analyst Ming-Chi Kuo, the new MacBook Air will be available with two M2 chip variants with varying core counts, similar to the existing 13-inch model. "The new 15' MacBook model should be named MacBook Air," Kuo tweeted. "To reiterate, the upcoming 15' MacBook Air will feature the M2 series and offer two processor spec options. However, two options are more likely to be M2 with different cores," he added.

The announcement contradicts Kuo's previous prediction. **IANS**

Generative AI in ad

Google is reportedly planning to incorporate generative artificial intelligence into its advertising business in the coming months as big tech companies rush to adopt the technology.

According to the Financial Times, the tech giant is preparing to integrate its generative AI technology, which also powers its Bard chatbot, into the Performance Max programme.

Performance Max is a programme Google has offered since 2020 that uses an algorithm to determine where ads should run and how marketing budgets should be spent, as well as producing simple ad copy. **IANS**

TWITTER BLINKS

Twitter dropped the "Government-funded Media" tag, which implies government involvement in editorial content, on some accounts like National Public Radio (NPR) and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), their accounts showed on Friday.

Besides NPR and CBC, the tag, labeled 'state-affiliated media' earlier, was also absent from the British Broadcasting Corp's (BBC) Twitter account.

Earlier this month, NPR and CBC paused their activities on the social media platform, arguing that the tag did not accurately capture their governance structure. **Reuters**

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Making space for nature seems to be one of the last priorities at upcoming layout

HUMAN NATURE

No provision to plant saplings along roads in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

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If the formation of the roads at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is any indication, it seems Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) has no responsibility to conserve the environment by planting as many saplings as possible. The BDA has taken up formation of roads at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout but has failed to ensure a provision to plant saplings along the roads.

The site allottees are shocked to see that the roads are formed without leaving space between the drain and the road for planting saplings. It is said the roads (including 80 ft and 30 ft roads) have no provision for planting saplings.

"I am not happy with the formation of roads without leaving any space for planting saplings. While forming the layout, many trees were cut down; it is the responsibility of the BDA to plant as many saplings as possible to compensate for the loss of trees," said Sanjeev H, one of the site allottees.

According to the site allottees, the BDA has been forming the roads by making a provision for street

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Remains of a city

Civic body serving defaulters with notices on irresponsible handling of C&D waste; notice served to CREDAI

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Adhering to the C&D Waste Management Rule, 2016 and directions from the National Green Tribunal, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to crack the whip on illegal disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) waste in the city.

The civic body is serving defaulters with notices on irresponsible handling of C&D waste. In one such notice sent to the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Bengaluru, BBMP directed the members to submit reasons behind not following the C&D Waste Management Rule, 2016 so far, and has also instructed them to submit their future plan for managing the waste.

As per the notice dated February 14, 2023, the members of CREDAI are violating the rules despite public notices and directions issued by BBMP. The members have not submitted any waste management plan to the BBMP for any of their projects taken up within BBMP's jurisdiction.

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Funky tunes

With its folk and contemporary music fusion, The Tapi Project believes that music is an extension of yourself. The band's sound is a mix of funk and folk on a hypnotic contemporary tribal groove. They experiment with intricate genres like folk, trip-hop, and jazz and with ambient textures while using folk instruments as an essential part of their music. Their music is woven like a fabric, organically grown on Yogi's poetry. At the same time, the lyrics come alive through Swati's powerful and sensuous voice, swallowing one in an ocean of emotions. **Where: Ranga Shankara**
When: April 22, multiple slots;
Info: bookmyshow.com

02 Food for thought

Skewed... is Fourth Wall Theatre's maiden production directed by Mahesh SP written by Mahesh SP, Vilok V Kowsik & Arvindh S Kumar. The play is set in today's times. Divya, the protagonist, finds her husband, Kiran mysteriously dead in their residence. The case gets escalated as Kiran was a police inspector. Upon attempting to unravel the mystery, characters of everyone around Kiran are questioned. It is a story that reflects and questions society. **Where: Jagriti Theatre**
When: April 23, multiple slots
Tickets:bookmyshow.com

Empowering patients

L-R: Dr Chandrakumar, Dr Lalitha Krishnamoorthy & Dr KN Manohar

Credo Health, a digital therapeutics company that focuses on the management of chronic conditions, has been launched in Bengaluru. The platform provides patients with personalised treatment plans that incorporate digital tools such as mobile apps, wearables, and telemedicine. India faces a significant burden of chronic diseases, and Credo Health's platform is currently available for patients with diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and chronic kidney disease. The company plans to expand its offerings to more chronic conditions soon.

These teens passed, with flying colours

Three 18-year-olds share their success stories of topping in PUC examinations

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The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) on Friday declared the results for the 2nd pre-university exam and three students, who came out with flying colours, shared how they achieved rank 1.

SM Koushik, topper of the Science stream, said he used to plan his studies on a daily basis and read all the subjects on the same day. "I did not rely on just notes but thoroughly read the textbooks. Furthermore, continuous reading and listening to music as a stress buster helped me prepare well for the exams," he said. He mentioned that he used to tell his parents not to pressure him.

Surabhi S, who also secured first rank in Science stream, said that she never expected a rank though she had done well in the exams. "I want to take up engineering and hence preparing for CET and now CET marks will depend on my career. My success mantra is that I used to study regularly and used to solve previous years' papers which helped in time management as well."

Tabassum Shaik secured the first rank in Arts stream. She attributed her success to her self-confidence, her reference to textbooks, and her collection of question papers from the last five years. She also credits her attentive nature in college and her consistent study efforts at home for her achievement. The topper's parents were supportive and motivating without putting any pressure on her, and her teachers assisted and guided her along the way.

Out of the 7,27,923 students registered for the examination, 7,02,067 attended, and 5,24,209 passed. Boys had a pass percentage of 69.05 per cent, while girls had a pass percentage of 80.25 per cent.

74.67 per cent pass

The results of the II PUC Annual Examination were announced on Friday, revealing that 74.67 per cent of students passed the exam.

Among the freshers, the pass percentage was 78.97 per cent. The examination was held in 1109 centres across the state, and the valuation was conducted by 23,606 valuators.

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The pass percentage in urban areas was 74.63 per cent, and in rural areas, it was 74.79 per cent. In terms of streams, the pass percentage for the arts stream was 61.22 per cent, for the commerce stream it was 75.99 per cent, and for the science stream, it was 85.71 per cent. ***(With inputs by Tejaswini Prasad)***

Palike cracks whip on C&D waste

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"BBMP, ..., has issued detailed public notices in newspapers stating the obligatory functions and rules. As a local authority, BBMP seeks detailed plan(s) or undertaking from generators of C&D waste out of the projects taken up within BBMP limits which need to be approved before the commencement of projects. However, it has been noticed that the members of CREDAI are violating the rules despite public notices and directions issued by BBMP and NGT. The members are thus liable to pay a huge fine by the provision of C&D waste management rule, 2016," read the notice issued by the office of joint commissioner, solid waste management, BBMP.

The palike, through the notice, has also directed the members to submit their plan for the management of C&D waste, failing which, the civic body would recommend the issue to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) for action to be taken under the Environment Protection Act 1986. According to construction and demolition waste (C&D waste) processing units in the city, the amount of waste landing at their facilities has gone up post these notices. Rajesh Korah, co-owner of BBMP's designated processing plants in Chikkajala and Kannur with a capacity of 1,750 MT/day told BM his units are receiving bigger loads for processing purposes.

"Up until early this year, we were receiving only 20 tonnes of the waste every month while our capacity is 1,750 tonnes/day. However, this number has improved over the last couple of months. Now we are receiving C&D waste to the tune of 200 tonnes/day. We expect this amount to increase further over the coming days," said Korah.

Apart from serving defaulters with notices, BBMP is planning to set up intermediate C&D waste collection centres to facilitate economical transport of C&D waste to processing centres located on the city outskirts.

"Most of the C&D waste is being generated in the core areas of the city as any construction can happen only after demolishing existing buildings. However, transporting this waste to processing centres is the main issue plaguing responsible disposal. Thus, we are looking at establishing intermediate collection stations. A tender has been floated and the screening committee is evaluating the project," said a senior BBMP official.

Twitter's plea: HC reserves judgement

The High Court on Friday reserved its verdict on social media platform Twitter's plea challenging the central government's directions to take down 39 URLs. The matter pertains to the 10 blocking orders that the central government had issued to Twitter, between February 2021 and February 2022, directing the social media platform to block public access to certain information, and suspend several accounts as well. The Centre had handed over the blocking orders in sealed covers to the High Court. Justice Krishna S Dixit reserved the judgment after hearing the arguments presented by Twitter and the central government. **– IANS**

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Plastic busters crack their whip

BBMP seizes nearly 60,000 kg of single-use plastic in last 10 months

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Cracking the whip on sale of banned single-use plastic (SUP) items in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has seized nearly 60,000 kg of plastic over the last 10 months. This is after the Central Government announced a complete ban on SUP from July 1, 2022.

Between July 2022 and till date, the palike has confiscated around 56,087 kg of the banned plastic through over 43,000 cases. A total sum of over Rs 1.23 crore in fines has been generated so far.

In the same period before the ban, the civic body seized nearly 2,000 kg of SUP and generated Rs 21 lakh in fines.

BBMP officials say this high number of seizures is due to a continuous crackdown on wholesale suppliers, manufacturers, and retailers across multiple city markets.

"We have been seizing banned items daily after the ban was enforced ten months ago. As of now, we are focusing on the manufacturers, wholesale suppliers, and shop owners at KR Market, Kalasipalyam Market, Yeshwantpur Market and Madiwala areas. We have taken it as routine work as we have to somehow control the banned SUP items. We have been carrying out the seizures with the help of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)," said a BBMP official.

While seizures are happening regularly, the officials say that most of the banned items including plastic straws and cutleries are still available in markets, albeit not as easily as before. Those responsible for enforcing the ban on the ground opine the effort has been failing mainly because the buyers have been kept out of the fine regime.

Starting July 1, 2022, 19 SUP items were banned by the Centre

> **As of now, we are focusing on shop owners, suppliers and manufacturers at KR Market, Kalasipalyam and Yeshwantpur markets and Madiwala** –BBMP official

"Most of the banned items come from other states through wholesale suppliers. While we have plugged these routes to a large extent in the wholesale market, it is difficult to put a check on these items in retail markets. The shop owners carefully hand over the banned items to customers. The most important aspect lacking currently is imposing fines on buyers too. However, questioning the common public creates a very unpleasant scene," rue the officials.

Starting July 1, 2022, as many as 19 SUP items were banned by the Centre. As per the rule, anyone caught using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, importing or stocking these products was to be penalized.

The banned items include ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plastic plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, PVC banners less than 100 micron and stirrers.

Saplings given a miss at layout

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lights on one side of the road and utility ducts on the other side of the road. They said the BDA has no proper plan for greenery at the layout and it would affect birds and small animals. There are no lung spaces and some blocks at the layout have no parks. They blamed the BDA for converting the CA sites meant for parks into residential sites.

"The major road network consists of 30, 40, and 50-foot roadways; the engineering team did not even plan to keep greenery throughout the layout's road networks. On 30,40 & 50-ft roads, no saplings will be planted due to the utility channel and street lights, feeder pillar boxes, transformer poles and street light sensors on either side," said Surya Kiran, spokesperson of NPKL Open Forum.

Kiran said there are utility channels on both sides of 60-ft roads: the median is not wide enough to plant even Ashoka trees. "The smallest network is 10,080 feet of roadways; however, there is some vacant space on both sides but sapling plantation cannot be done. More saplings could have been accommodated if the space was provided between the utility channel and the culvert," he said, adding that people who bought 40x60 ft and 50x80 ft can afford to allocate some space for planting saplings but it would not be possible for those who bought 20x30 ft and 30x40 ft sites.

However, the BDA executive engineer was not available for comment.

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Of press cons & macabre TV

Some time ago, when a broadcast journalist presented himself drunk on live television, uttering nonstop balderdash after the demise of a sitting army chief, some of us thought broadcast journalism could not sink any further — this is the proverbial pits, the lower depths, it seemed back then.

Then came the much publicised Johnny Depp-Amber Heard trial. Jurisprudence became reality TV. What mattered was 'viewership', not personal tragedy, nor the repulsive recollection of debauchery of two celebrities squabbling over who's morally right. And justice, you ask: What's that?

The aforesaid were teasers of the media's bizarre mutation post big tech invasion. Back home, it's been just days since a former member of the parliament, a so-called 'thug', and his brother, both in custody and under police watch, were shot dead at point blank range in Uttar Pradesh, broadcast live on TV.

Besides the macabre nature, the incident exposed the ruin of Indian media as the state of law and order was streamed live. Questions over social fallout of the broadcast or why it was allowed, were overlooked. The disregard for self censorship in the press was on blatant display.

Why were 'criminals' 'paraded' on the street, rather than in a secure police vehicle, in the dead of night? Why was so-called 'media' allowed to put forth queries? Provided the security risk, raised by one of the victims himself, to the apex court, was it apt to walk them down the street in handcuffs, and allow the media, for a public spectacle?

Strangely, similar questions echoed after BJP leader and former governor of Jammu and Kashmir Satya Pal Malik revealed in a recent interview that he was told to maintain silence by the PM after the Pulwama tragedy where troops were killed in a terror attack: why were the personnel not provided aircraft as requested when the conditions on the ground were not favourable as per intelligence reports?

It is the responsibility of the press to keep focus and discussion alive on topical developments such as in the aforementioned instances, that may hold definitive bearing on the electorate's choice of representatives in upcoming elections.

That the damning interview of Malik initially appeared in an independent YouTube channel - DB Live - exposes the ineptitude of mainstream press nevertheless.

How did it come to this? We see the western press, their broadcast networks, newspapers or digital media entities maintaining at the least a facade of accountability in a democratic set up. Here in an almost unbelievable turn of events post the propped up anti-corruption movement of 2014, a radical shift occurred in the machinations of the mainstream press, seen almost always in favour of the ruling dispensation now. For instance, for the discerning observer, press conferences post 2014 in India are a good place to understand the decay that has set in. The rot of the press has sustained the corrupt practices and vile 'manipulation' of the constitutional framework to benefit the incumbent. The 'manipulation' is evident in almost all topical political developments. In a recent presser, jurist, Congress leader and MP Abhishek Singhvi flagged concerns over a lower court's rationale for denying a stay on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's conviction in the now infamous defamation case.

Generally, press conferences are held by ruling dispensations to clear the air on matters of governance, topical developments, and larger national issues — often held by bureaucracy concerned, ministers or the prime minister.

Now that we hardly see any press briefings from the current dispensation at the centre, even after damning revelations on national security, or accusations of monumental corruption, barring the ones that are staged to target the opposition, the quintessential communication links between the government, the press and the electorate are diminishing rapidly; one could even say almost non-existent today, the daily handouts and news agenda passed on to the pliant press notwithstanding.

One could also argue that everyone communicates digitally through tweets and so on today: however hardly one or two percent of the Indian population are using a digital platform like Twitter, you see.

Opposition parties, especially the Congress, have been diligently holding press briefings post 2014, whether the press care about it or not. In fact, at times it would appear the opposition is doing a better job than the media.

In such press briefings, a regular fixture now are planted scribes who are hardly interested in the presser itself — as recently as the Adani-Hindenburg fallout or Satya Pal Malik revelations — but busy exploring ways to distract and divert the whole interaction at the behest of the incumbent. A couple of times Rahul Gandhi himself was seen pointing to the presence of such individuals at press briefings. That said, the tightening grim-hold of the state and crony capitalists explains why the nation stands to lose in the absence of a free and fair press.

Surprise gift in the mail? Don't take it

.... It might be a scam where OTPs are used to get bank details

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If you recently received a parcel from an e-commerce company which you have never ordered, be careful as you may have been a victim of a cybercrime.

Recently a 49-year-old freelance content writer in the city faced repeatedly got calls for an e-commerce parcel which she had never ordered. She said, "A person tried to deliver a parcel claiming to be from a top e-commerce company but I had never ordered anything. Hence, I decided to send it back, but to my surprise, the same parcel was sent to me four times."

She says that though she was receiving messages and emails from the e-commerce company about the delivery of parcels there were no details about the product or the sender. "When the delivery person came to deliver the Cash on Delivery (CoD) parcel, I saw it and refused to receive it, stating that I had not ordered it and would not pay for it. Shortly after that, I received a call asking if I wanted to cancel the order, and I agreed. However, even after cancelling, the company attempted to deliver the parcel three more times."

She then received an SMS asking her for an OTP. "I did not use the OTP, and neither did I take delivery nor pay for the parcel. My suspicion arose when I could not trace what the product was and where it originated from. I was only informed that it came from Jaipur. Although the fraud may have failed in this instance, the main point is the inability to track the sender and order details," she said.

Police said that if the customers click the link for delivery payment, then it is an indirect way of giving access to one's mobile phone which can be used by scamsters to siphon off money from bank accounts.

In another instance, Mihika P, a college lecturer, said, "Recently, I experienced a gas cylinder leak and searched online for a redressal call centre number. Upon calling the number, the person spoke to someone who claimed to be from the national gas leak call centre and said they would send someone immediately to fix the leak. However, the scammer then told me that new government regulations required a nominal fee of Rs 5, which could be paid by transferring the money online to a number provided by the person. Additionally, the scammer instructed me to download an app called AnyDesk. As I was panicking over the potential danger of the gas leak, I downloaded the app and received a message saying that the app was now on their phone and could be accessed. It became clear that someone else was accessing the phone, and the scammer called to ask me to transfer Rs 5. I realised the scam then and immediately uninstalled the app, realizing that I was about to be scammed."

Police say that people should be cautious as scammers can have remotely accessed every detail of the transaction if one is not careful.

HC rules against Xiaomi

The High Court on Friday upheld the seizure of Rs 5,551.27 crore from Xiaomi India for violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had seized the amount from the company's account and this was upheld by the Competent Authority. Xiaomi had challenged the Competent Authority's order in the HC.

On Friday, Justice M Nagaprasanna dismissed the petition holding that it was valid under Section 37 A of FEMA.

However, liberty was granted to Xiaomi to approach the Appellate Tribunal and challenge the Competent Authority's order under Section 37A (5).

Xiaomi had approached the HC again challenging the Competent Authority's order. After hearing the arguments, Justice M Nagaprasanna had reserved the judgement on November 17, 2022. -PTI

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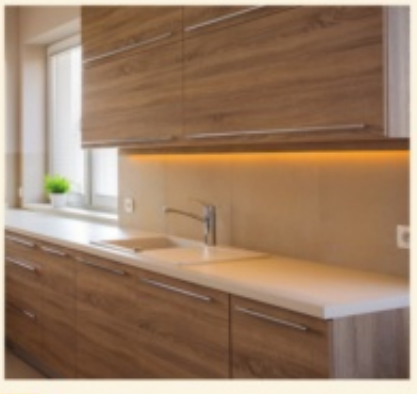
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Request for solid help

Citizens demand political leaders prioritise closing of solid waste processing plant in Chikkanagamangala

Residents of Chikkanagamangala have been fighting for years to shut down the solid waste management (SWM) plant in their locality, which is causing a foul smell and making it difficult to live in the area. Despite complaints since 2018, the situation has not improved, and now the citizens are demanding that shutting down the SWM plant be included as a top priority issue in the election manifesto of contesting candidates.

During interactive sessions with the candidates, Electronic City Phase Two residents asked them to support the closure of the plant. The BJP party's M Krishnappa was one of the candidates who listened to the grievances of the residents, while the Congress party had not reached out to them yet. A resident of Electronic City, Pranay Dubey, told Bangalore Mirror that the residents were hoping for the MLA candidates to come up with a solid plan to give them relief from the pollution caused by the waste processing plant at Chikkanagamangala.

A recent report by the joint committee of KSPCB revealed several issues with the waste processing plant

"We are pushing for candidates to bring our demand to shut down this plant into their manifesto. This will help us after the elections in terms of political influence in our favour," he added.

A recent report by the joint committee of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) revealed several issues with the waste processing plant at Chikkanagamangala, including unscientific dumping of wet waste, lack of record-keeping on leachate disposal, and poor functioning of the plant.

One resident expressed frustration, stating that the KSPCB has not taken any action regarding the plant. "Until political pressure doesn't come, they can't do anything.

The situation is still bad, where we get bad odour," the resident said. Rejecting waste is dumped outside the plant, and the wind spreads the smell to nearby houses. The residents want elected representatives to take action to address their grievances.

"We are tired of living in this condition for so long. The smell is unbearable, and it's affecting our health. We have been requesting action from the authorities for years, but nothing has been done. We need the political leaders to take notice of our plight and come up with a solution," said another resident.

Residents complain of bad smell emanating from solid waste management plant in Chikkanagamangala

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To address the problem of parking, the government should implement several initiatives. One of the most important steps is to construct multi-level parking facilities in various areas. This will alleviate the issue of visitors from parking on roads and blocking residents' car gates.

Meghana, BM Reader
Promoting public transportation, carpooling, and alternative modes of transportation, such as bike taxis and app-based cars, can reduce the reliance on personal vehicles and alleviate the issue of parking. Encouraging these options can offer more convenience for commuters.

Kumar, BM Reader
I feel efficient use of public transport will help people shift to public transport and ditch their private vehicles and thereby solving the parking issues.

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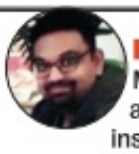
The onus is on the government to take appropriate action by taking strict measures against illegal parking and providing better parking facilities.



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Fasten your seatbelts, if you want

You may start seeing autorickshaws with seatbelts now

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The next time you travel in an autorickshaw, you may see seatbelts. However, traffic officials say that there is no legal framework to enforce its usage.

In its nationwide campaign of Rapidosafetyfirst, the ride-hailing app Rapido has announced the installation of seat belts in autorickshaws. Initially, 100 auto-rickshaws will get seatbelts and further, it will be scaled up. The expense of mandating seat belts will be borne by the company and not the driver.

Additionally, to ensure the safety of its commuters, Rapido will be conducting mandatory safety training for riders, regular vehicle maintenance checks and real-time tracking of rides to monitor safety compliance. The company will also mandate a four-step background verification process ensures rider safety with qualified captains. Information-masking feature protects female passengers' privacy and identity for enhanced safety. Furthermore, all Rapido Captains will have to complete a learning module system and training exercise learning customer-appropriate behaviour, road safety training and operational training.

With over one lakh autos running in Bengaluru and auto drivers operating under various auto tech aggregators platforms, the measure is expected to improve the safety of commuters. Other platforms like Namma Yatri have also confirmed their plans to install seat belts in their autos. "We are also planning to install seatbelts in future. Apart from seatbelts, we are also looking at dash cams, dealing with SOS cases in tie-up with law and enforcement authorities. However, we are currently solving some fundamental problems and would not be able to provide a definitive deadline for the roll-out but might come out in a couple of months," said a representative of Namma Yatri.

Inset: Commuters photographed wearing seatbelts inside an auto; Rapido has announced installation of seat belts in autorickshaws

However, you cannot be fined if you do not wear seat belts. Traffic officials are perplexed at the move as three-wheelers are exempted from the mandate of seat belts. "There is no provision for mandating use of seatbelts in autorickshaws. Central Motor Vehicle rules and the Indian Motor Vehicle Act say that two-wheelers and three-wheelers less than 500 CC are exempted from this rule. There won't be any penalty for not wearing seatbelts in autorickshaws," said Dr Suman D Pennekar DCP West (Traffic).

> **"Apart from seatbelts, we are looking at dash cams, dealing with SOS cases**
> – Namma Yatri representative

Citizens however welcome the move. "It could prevent injuries caused by being thrown out of the vehicle or toppling the auto-rickshaw. However, there should be pictorials or self-explanatory material in the backseat encouraging people to use seat belts," said Rajkumar Dugar, a citizen's activist.

Don't step out post 9 pm

Chikkanayakanahalli residents want police chowki that can control crimes

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Chikkanayakanahalli has seen an influx of 5,000 residents with various apartment complexes popping up. Unfortunately, they are facing numerous issues as the area lacks proper roads and street lights. Movement of people is also affected after 9 pm due to frequent thefts. While there was a proposed project last year concerning 10 guntas of land being reserved in Chikkanayakanahalli dinne for establishment of a police chowki to control crimes, no groundwork has begun yet.

The residents pointed out that last year, during a meeting with the elected representatives of the Mahadevapura constituency and other department officials, residents had raised concerns regarding thefts in the locality. As there are no street lights, those who travel after 9 pm are at high risk of being mugged. They were assured of a police chowki's construction that would be a police outpost of the Bellandur police station. So far, no work has been done on the same and it has remained merely an announcement.

Arif Mudgal, a resident of Chikkanayakanahalli, said, "Due to the fear of getting attacked and robbed, there is a lack of movement of people after 9 pm in the vicinity. Last year, we were told that a police chowki would be made to ensure the safety of residents. But no work has been started yet for the construction of the chowki. We have been following up and asking regarding the same, but no positive reply has come from the authorities."

The residents disclosed that last year, beat officers would come every night and sign in at the apartment complexes. When the beat officers were carrying out policing, the crime rates had come down. However, they alleged that over the past two or three months, beat policing has halted and crimes have started again.

Arif said, "Although police were deployed and patrolling had increased last year, it has become very rare over the past two or three months. There are local goons here, and they have started to rob people's cash and even their mobile phones."

Residents of the area met with the BBMP commissioner beat system and requested to sign a book registered in the apartments.

Another resident said, "Chikkanayakanahalli is situated on the border of Mahadevapura and Anekal constituency, which is not checked upon frequently. The local representatives, and even the Bellandur police department, have not come up with an action plan yet."

Kanakapura Road emerges as a prime location for affordable plots

Kanakapura Road has become a highly sought-after location for buyers looking to invest in plots. The area offers a range of affordable plots to buyers, which are further aided by the presence of various infrastructure projects in and around Kanakapura. As a result, properties here are seen as a potential investment opportunity for those looking to invest in property for the future.

The peaceful and green environment of Kanakapura road is also a major draw for people looking to live in a stress-free and serene setting. The lush green surroundings provide a luxurious and natural lifestyle that is free from the pollution and noise of the city. Property developers have also suggested that investing in property near Kanakapura road is a wise decision due to the high returns on investment in the long run.

Furthermore, Kanakapura road is currently seeing a major infrastructure boost. With the Metro train connectivity provided, people can now

travel easily from the CBD to areas in Kanakapura road. Additionally, there are plans to four-lane the road till Kanakapura and then make it a paved two-lane road till the Karnataka border, connecting Sathyamangalam and Coimbatore.

Bypasses have also been planned at important locations like Kaggalipura, Udyapura, Harohalli, Kanakapura, and Sathanur. All of these developments make Kanakapura road a prime location for investment in the real estate sector. – **Praksh VL**

Live in luxury

Luxury market emerges as a worthy investment for buyers

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As per 'Wealth Report 2023' released by Knight Frank India, investments in residential properties emerged as the safest asset class for ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs), and Bengaluru's luxury property market is leading the pack. The report further states that the city's top developers are investing in smart home technology, providing residents with features such as automated lighting and temperature control, voice-activated assistants, and biometric access control systems.

Moreover, developers are incorporating cutting-edge technology into their projects to provide residents with a high level of convenience and security. The report also highlights the city's commitment to sustainability, with developers incorporating eco-friendly features into their projects.

These features include rainwater harvesting systems, solar panels, and green roofs. The report notes that these sustainable features will not only benefit the environment but also cater to luxury buyers who are now very environmentally conscious.

Amenities galore

Bengaluru's luxury real estate market offers a wide range of properties to cater to different preferences. From luxurious villas and apartments to penthouses equipped with amenities such as private pools, home theatres, and private gardens the options are aplenty. Many developers are now incorporating features that promote health and wellness into their projects as well. For instance, numerous prominent developers in Bengaluru now have a wellness centre on their residential premises that offers various wellness programmes such as yoga and meditation classes.

Homebuyer speaks

Jayantha Reddy (58), a businessman from Bengaluru opines that a high-end luxury home, though expensive, will give his family the privacy that was missing at their Whitefield home he purchased around 15 years ago. "We bought a plot and constructed a home when the place was just picking up some pace. Now, as a big family, we have outgrown that space. Additionally, we want amenities that were unheard of 15 years ago such as pools, clubhouses, saunas, and rainwater harvesting systems. Back in the day, luxury was associated with 'space' but today, it means so much more. We have been scouting for a villa in a luxury project as we would still like to have a strong social fabric for my grandkids in the future," concludes Reddy.

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Amit Shah's road show on city outskirts cancelled due to rains

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's road show on Friday was cancelled owing to downpour at Devanahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru, BJP sources said.

The former BJP chief, one of the party's key poll strategists and campaigners, arrived here on a two-day visit to the state to campaign ahead of the Assembly elections in the state.

The party leader is scheduled to take stock of the party's poll preparations during an interaction with party functionaries during the visit.

This is Shah's first visit to the state after the poll schedule was announced on March 29.

On Saturday, he is scheduled to attend an event organised by a private news channel before flying back to New Delhi.

BRS supports JD(S)

The ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Telangana is extending support to the JD(S) in the Assembly elections and it chose not to field any candidate in the May 10 polls as its friendly party is in the fray.

The BRS was earlier toying with the idea of fielding candidates for the elections. The process of filing nominations for the May 10 election in Karnataka came to an end on Thursday.

The party was not in favour of contesting the elections without adequate preparation and planning, the sources said. **PTI**

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 # Charges dropped

Manslaughter charges against Alec Baldwin over a fatal shooting on a movie set are to be dropped, the prosecutor said Thursday, citing "new facts" that merit further probe

Bar talk

CHANDNI BAR (KANNADA)
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Akash Srivatsa
- **ACTORS** Raghavendra Kumar, Siddhu Badanavalu, Manikanta, Sukruthi Prabhakar, Rashmi, Manju Arya, Vijay Karthik, Gayatri, and Sampath Maithreya.
- **Duration** 132 minutes
- **Certification** UA

Chandni Bar tries to throw some light on the problems of people working at bars and restaurants. The movie begins with Bheema alias Bheemi (Raghavendra Kumar) going to Mysuru after having failed to find work in Bengaluru. Bheemi travels by train without buying a ticket and is caught by the ticket collector. He ends up meeting Nanda (Siddhu Badanavalu), another ticketless passenger, who has come to Mysuru from Chamarajanagar to find a job. The two of them start work at Chandni Bar.

Bheemi then meets Shruthi (Sukiruthi Prabhakar), a nursing student and they fall in love but her parents have other plans for her. They ask Bheema not to trouble their daughter as they want her to marry a suitable person. Chandni Bar's owner and staff try their best to convince Shruthi's parents but it doesn't work. Bheemi takes to the drink to forget Shruthi. What happens to Bheemi and what is the role of Suma, a sex worker, is what the film is all about.

Raghavendra Kumar debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie. He deserves appreciation for handling the megaphone with aplomb apart from playing the lead and bankrolling this movie. His dialogue delivery is good and he has the potential to go places if he pursues acting seriously. Siddhu Badanavalu has done an excellent job. His dialogues in the Chamarajanagar diction are a treat.

Sukruthi Prabhakar has acted well and she looks good too. Gayatri, who plays the role of a woman who elopes with her boyfriend, has acted well. Her performance at a police station where she gets her well-wishers (Bheemi and Nanda) released from police custody is a treat to watch. Rashmi, who plays a sex worker, has acted well. Songs and music are good.

The drawbacks of this movie are poor cinematography and a few comedy scenes, especially a scene with a two-wheeler.

It is worth a watch for those who are curious about the life and stories of bar workers.

–Y Maheswara Reddy

Tick-ed off

Celebs take losing blue tick on Twitter in their stride

On Friday morning, many celebs lost their blue tick on Twitter. Several celebs reacted to losing their verification tag on the social media account. Stand-up comedian and actor Vir Das said, "I like this world. To verify an artist, buy tickets, not ticks... Bye blue tick. I'm okay with someone impersonating me on twitter. You deal with the things they call me ..How about this? If you like what I'm saying...it's the real me. If you're pissed off/ offended/looking to take action/ going to complain to some sort of metaphorical papa.....this account belongs to an unverified impersonator. Cool?"

Nargis Fakhri also tweeted and raised concern that if everyone can get a blue tick by paying a fee, then what's the point? "I never really come on here. I just noticed I'm no longer verified with that blue thingy. So now everyone with a blue check pays a fee for it. Hmm okay. if anyone can buy it then what's the point," she expressed.

Aditi Rao Hydari wrote, "Once upon a time there was a blue tick... did Twitter and I live happily ever after?!"

Several other celebs like Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Alia Bhatt have also lost out on their blue ticks.

—ETimes

Saree is her pick

Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor, who was seen at IPL match along with Apple CEO Tim Cook, said why she chose to wear a saree to the match - because it is comfortable.

Sonam along with her husband Anand Ahuja and Tim Cook went to see the match between Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday.

The fashion diva wore a "simple linen saree" and added an extra oomph with "vinatge jewels". She captioned the image: "In a simple linen sari with vintage jewels. I find saris the most comfortable to wear in the Indian heat. Thank you anavila_m for making some of the chicest and most beautiful saris that scream simplicity."

–IANS

Ties that bind
B-Town diva Kiara Advani shares some tips to a healthy relationship
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Sporty buddies on sets

Actress Siayami Kher, who will soon share screen space with Angad Bedi in director R Balkis upcoming film 'Ghoomer, has many common interests like fitness and sports with her co-actor. The two were often seen exchanging notes about their shared passion for cricket.

Siayami has played cricket at the school level for Maharashtra and made it to the National team selection, but instead opted for the badminton state championships. She is also adept at sprinting, swimming and mountaineering. Talking about the same, Siayami said, "Angad has been my first friend in the film world. I have known him for over a decade when I used to model. I befriended him because I wanted someone to play cricket with, in Bombay. It's crazy that the first time we share screen space it's for a sports film". She mentioned, "We are both fitness freaks. Since we both have a sports background, discussing sports with him is a different joy. I think he's a very talented actor".

–IANS

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

An old man, nearing his death, decides to share his herd of 17 camels between his three sons. The eldest will inherit half the flock, the youngest the third and Benjamin the ninth. How can he satisfy his suspicious sons?

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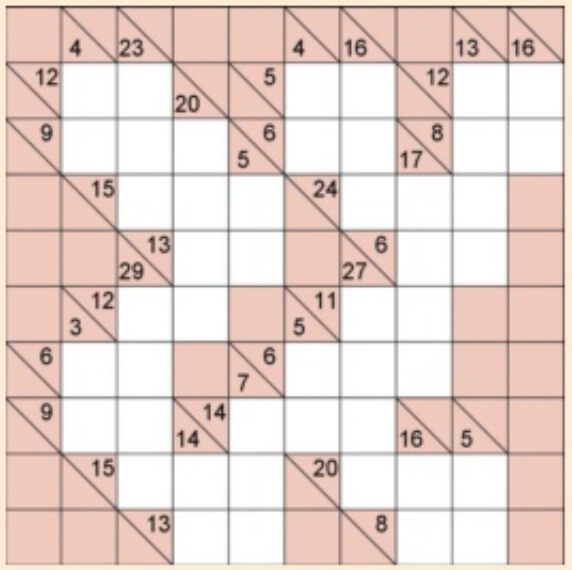
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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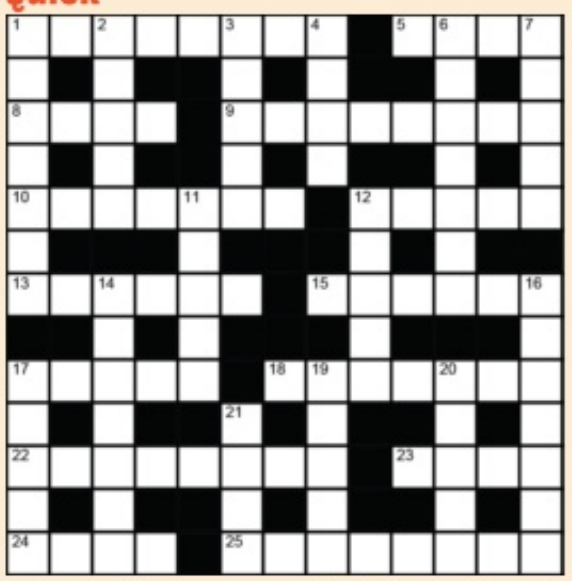


ACROSS

1 Right of way? (8)
5 Hotshots (4)
8 Audacity (4)
9 Chanting (8)
10 Checked the accounts? (7)
12 Manages successfully (5)
13 Mark with spots (6)
15 Headgear of harness (6)
17 Ill-tempered persons (5)
18 Small fish (7)
22 Government building that offers a view of Ulsoor Lake on one side and the Bangalore Race Course on the other (4,4)
23 Kilometres per hour, acronym (4)
24 Smallest American coin (4)
25 Defeats, overwhelms, or overcomes? (4,4)

DOWN

1 Ashes competitor? (7)
2 Light meal (5)
3 Chosen few (5)
4 Betting machine (4)
6 Sounded like a bird? (7)
7 Breathes deeply (5)
11 For Whom The Bell ___ : Ernest Hemingway's famous novel? (5)
12 Healed (5)
14 Retired spinner ___ Ojha (7)
16 Made of clay (7)
17 Funny (5)
19 Acquired relative (2-3)
20 Intermediate place (5)
21 Damage (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS U

NCC N VIIJ CRMMRB OND MI JI WD ANLR ZIH QRRC DURGWNC.

Linemaro

My favourite place?
Beside you

Mindchow

People who end up changing the world are always nuts, until they are right, and then they are geniuses

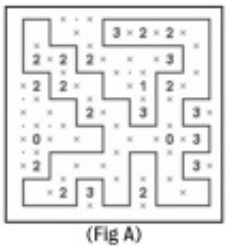
Joke of the day

What do you call a fake noodle?
An impasta

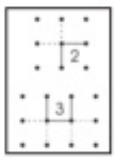
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

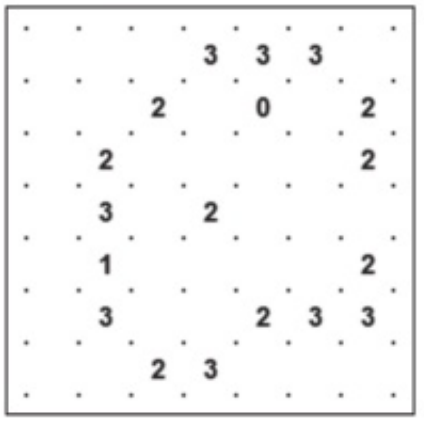


(Fig B) Not Allowed

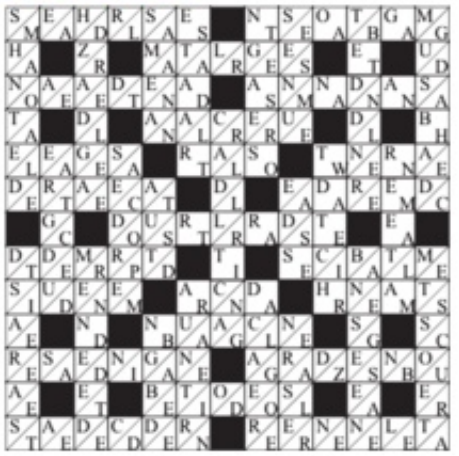
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



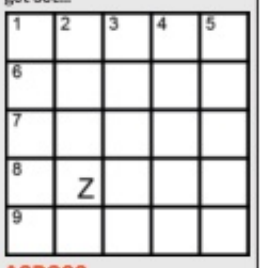
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

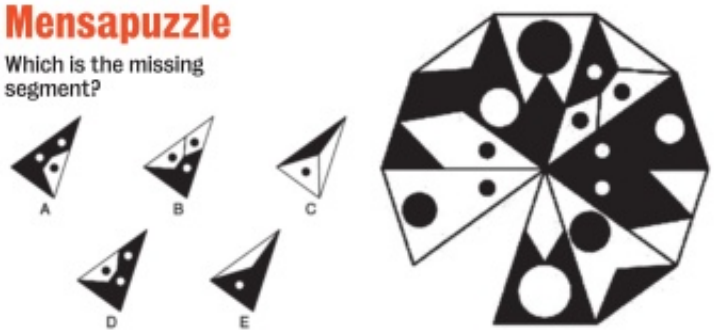
1 Ham go; 6 C Home;
7 Mated; 8 In Zee (1-4);
9 Stint

DOWN

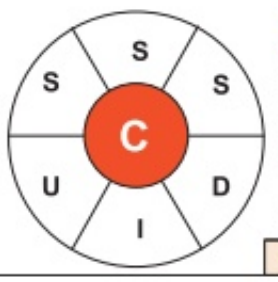
1 To tec; 2 Zag hi;
3 Hi men (3,2); 4 Meant;
5 Domes

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing segment?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

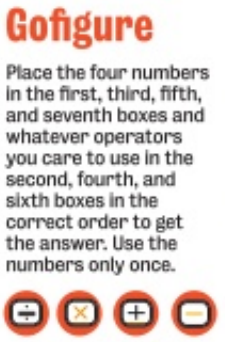
SudokuChallenge

	7	9			5			1
3								
	4		7	3	6			
1		8		6	3			
		2				9		
			2	9		1		4
			6	8	2		9	
								5
2			5			8	4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



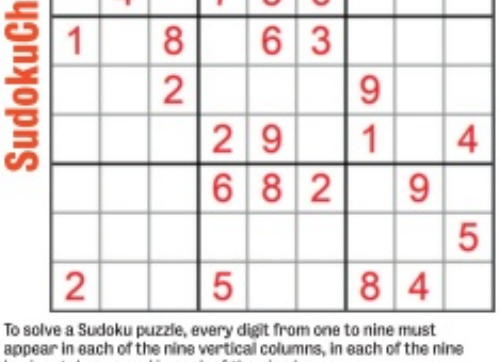
Easy = 3
1 2 3 5

Medium = 8
2 2 3 7

Hard = 8
2 9 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Name tag is moved. 2. Hat is different. 3. Hair band is moved. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Collar is missing. 6. Napkin dispenser is taller.

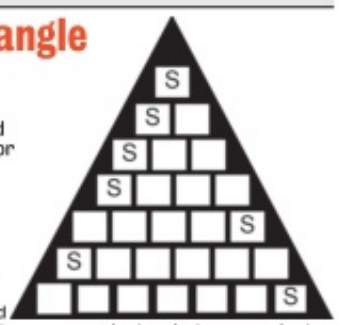
Riddler

The following clues each form a unique word by themselves, add them together to get the name of a country. Example: blue and yellow mixed + solid ground = ? Answer: green + land = Greenland

1. something that will make you sick + an indefinite number = ?
2. half of the width of an em + an organ for secreting = ?
3. a swindle + to move or travel = ?
4. an animal's shelter + a visible sign = ?

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 Thus
3 Note before la
4 Whack or hit hard
5 Things to strive for
6 Motto
7 Bodies of water



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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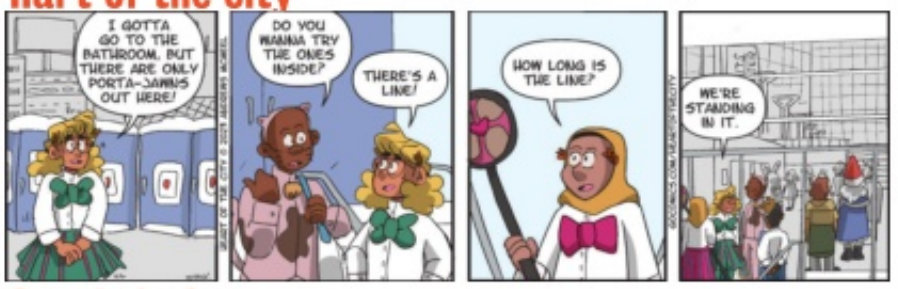
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


I GOTTA GO TO THE BATHROOM, BUT THERE ARE ONLY PORTA-JOHNS OUT HERE!
DO YOU WANNA TRY THE ONES INSIDE?
THERE'S A LINE!
HOW LONG IS THE LINE?
WE'RE STANDING IN IT.

Crankshaft

WITH THE WINTER STORM ALERT FOR WINTER STORM "GARY" IN PLACE UNTIL NOON TOMORROW...
PEOPLE ARE ADVISED NOT TO GO OUT...
AND JUST STAY INSIDE UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER!
JUST IN...
THE WORLD IS GOING TO END EVENTUALLY!
WE'RE DOOMED!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work or family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse. Otherwise, it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships may likely be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of a messy situation.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with the support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-together, which may boost your network. You may likely go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day; your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may control your spending on worthless stuff, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversation with their partners; otherwise, there may be some conflicts between them.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You may likely get an order that may increase your family business. Your network may help you to complete your tasks successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient, and your arrogance may hold you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life seems to be stuck somewhere, and you may need the blessings of your elders, which may help you to come back from the messy situation. You should avoid making investments in dead assets. Love birds shall avoid discussing worthless topics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of elder's blessings, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find the resources that might be important for the completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and your losses may be converted into profits, which may boost your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may expect some big orders from a new client, which will increase your liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet some influential person who may help you to grow your business. Your bonding with your boss may become stronger, and you may expect some promotions because of hard work. Your prestige may increase now.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by your elders, which may give patience to your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place for seeking peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to the spiritual place for development. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull, and you may also have some health issues that may likely affect your day-to-day work. You find yourself under mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted to the occult. You are advised to visit some spiritual place, chant mantras, or pray for relief.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may enjoy with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost understanding with your spouse. You may likely spend money on buying some artifacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read the document carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence, and you may likely be able to face any type of challenges, which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience in taking some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be on the peak, and you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you to gain confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

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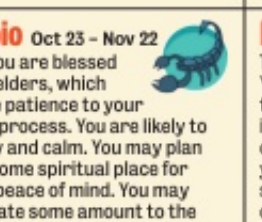
SOLUTIONS

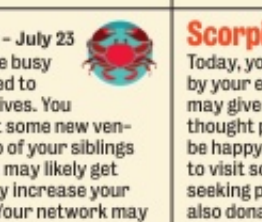
SOLVE IN 1M
½ of the stock is 8 1/2 so that's 9
1/3 of The stock 5 2/3 so that's 6
1/9 of the stock 1 8/9 so it's 2
Total of stock 9+6+2 = 17

BULL'S EYE
cuss, discuss, DISCUSS

STRIKE OUT



QUICK



MENSA PUZZLE
D: opposite segments are a mirror image of each other, but with black/white reversal.

RIDDLER
1. germ + any = Germany,
2. en + gland = England,
3. con + go = Congo,
4. den + mark = Denmark

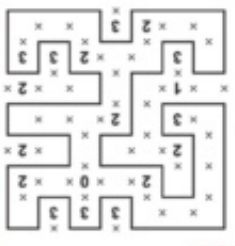
SUDOKU

6	7	9	8	2	5	4	3	1
3	2	5	9	4	1	6	7	8
8	4	1	7	3	6	5	2	9
1	9	8	4	6	3	7	5	2
4	6	2	1	5	7	9	8	3
7	5	3	2	9	8	1	6	4
5	1	4	6	8	2	3	9	7
9	8	6	3	7	4	2	1	5
2	3	7	5	1	9	8	4	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, So, Sol, Slog, Goals, Slogan, Lagoons.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 3 + 2 – 1 = 3
Medium
2 – 3 + 2 + 7 = 8
Hard
2 x 9 / 9 + 6 = 8

LOOP



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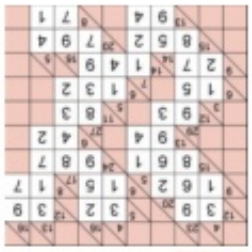

FAST FIVE

O	G	H	A	M
C	H	E	M	O
T	A	M	E	D
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QUOTE UNCODE
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